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Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the necessary papers for filing the following application for
Letters Patent:

Applicant : ROBERT DEPTA ET AL.

Title : DATA RING AND METHOD FOR OPERATING DATA RINGS

4 sheets of drawings.

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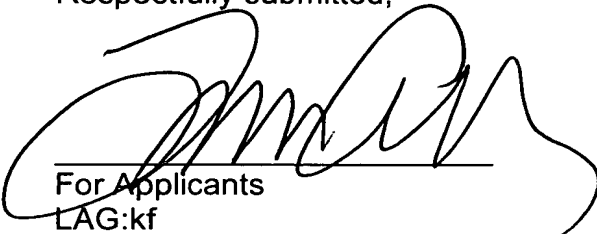
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Information Disclosure Statement and 4 References.

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